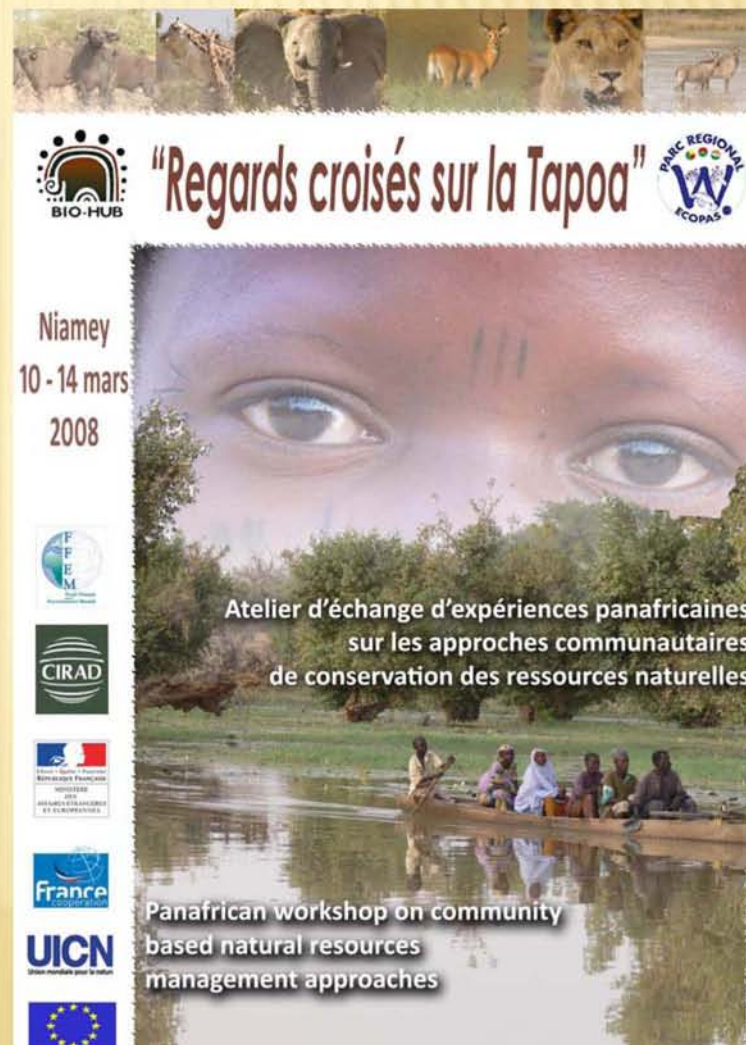


BUILDING BRIDGES AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN WESTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

“Regards Croisés sur la Tapoa”
A Pan-African workshop on
community-based
natural resource management approaches

- To share experiments and experiences through a range of community-based NR management field initiatives
- To set up a comparative analysis
- To share concepts and learn about different approaches in order to guide future actions





W Park Niger/ Burkina Faso/ Bénin : Territorial management and Transhumance (Univ. Aquila, CIRAD & INERA)

Chad : Management of the periphery of the Zakouma national park (CIRAD & ULB)

Central African Republic (Village Hunting Zones in the Northern Area)

Burkina Faso (AGEREF)

Cameroon : hunting areas and protected areas (WWF)

Zambia : village trusts (AWF) and the fight against poaching (WCS)

Zimbabwe Campfire and SE Lowveld (EU)

Mozambique : Quirimbas (WWF)

× Cases studies from Central Western and Southern Africa

Themes

The problems of community-based conservation were explored following 2 lines of investigation

The difficulty of integrating conservation and development into participative actions

- ✓ **Institutional set up**
- ✓ **Economic impact**
- ✓ **Local empowerment**

Multi-functional character of the land (land use and conflict resolution) → risks of conflicts

- ✓ **Risk 1 Conservation Farming and Biodiversity Conservation**
- ✓ **Risk 2 Human/Wildlife conflicts**
- ✓ **Risk 3 Zoning and development, conflicts over land use, multi-functionality of land**

Group discussions organized around the two following lines :

1/ Constraints linked to the multi-functional character of the land

Analysis of the costs/benefits and responsibilities borne by the intended project beneficiaries

→ Conclusions

- The need for mechanisms to co-ordinate the divergent interests and internal complexities**
- Likely differences of perception of benefits/costs/responsibilities between community stakeholders and outsiders**

Group discussions organized around the two following lines :

2/ The issues linked to the participation of the stakeholders in these projects :

→ Key issues to projects success generally not perceived as important by stakeholders :

- ✓ Power dynamics
- ✓ Marginalization of certain groups against others
- ✓ Representational ability
- ✓ Capacity to bear responsibility

General remarks emerging from group & plenary discussions

Critical analysis of the community-based conservation initiatives

- **Problem of the adherence of communities to the CBNRM principles : resources access, equity, governance, economic and/or ownership incentives**
- **Partnerships**
- **Position of the donors, field practitioners and researchers**
- **Position of communities**

Conclusions & Recommendations

...CBNRM approach is not a « panacea »...

- **Difficulty of integrating ecological, social and economic data sets**
- **Difficulty of comparative analysis and synthesis across and within the different regions**
- **Lack of monitoring and evaluation frameworks for community-based projects**
- **Need for networking to deal with the diversity of community based initiatives (geographical, cultural, skills, knowledges)**

The BIOHUB platform is now committed to facilitate communication within this network